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7 10. (New) A hand-held hose guide to assist in rewinding a length of flexible hose onto a spool, said guide being constructed such that a user's hand is substantially shielded from contact with an external surface of said hose, said guide being adapted to install circumferentially onto a hose at any point along a length of said hose, said guide comprising:
a conduit having first and second ends spaced apart by a distance sufficient to accommodate a user's hand, the inside surface of said conduit being adapted for low friction engagement with an exterior surface of said hose when said guide is oriented with an axis of said hose
8 guide substantially parallel to an axis of said hose.

a 11. (New) A guide according to claim 10, further comprising:
a slot formed in said conduit between said first and second ends, said slot being adjustable in width to accommodate transverse placement therethrough of a length of said hose.

9 12. (New) A guide according to claim 10, further comprising:
a flared opening at said first end to accommodate protrusions from said surface of said hose whereby to resist creation of a structural interference which would restrict passage, in an axial direction, of said hose therethrough.

10 13. (New) A guide according to claim 10, wherein said guide is constructed and arranged such that rotation of said guide about an axis transverse to said hose places structure carried by said first and second ends into frictional engagement with said hose whereby to permit imparting an axially directed force into said hose.--

Remarks

The Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed February 28, 2001, and the references of record have been reviewed. As-filed claims 1-3 are canceled. Claims 4-13 are added and are directed to the same invention and scope intended to be defined by as-filed claims 1-3. No new search should be required. Accordingly, Claims 4 through 13 are now in the case before the Examiner.

As noted in paper No. 4, informal drawings have been submitted. Formal drawings will be submitted following receipt of a notice of allowance.